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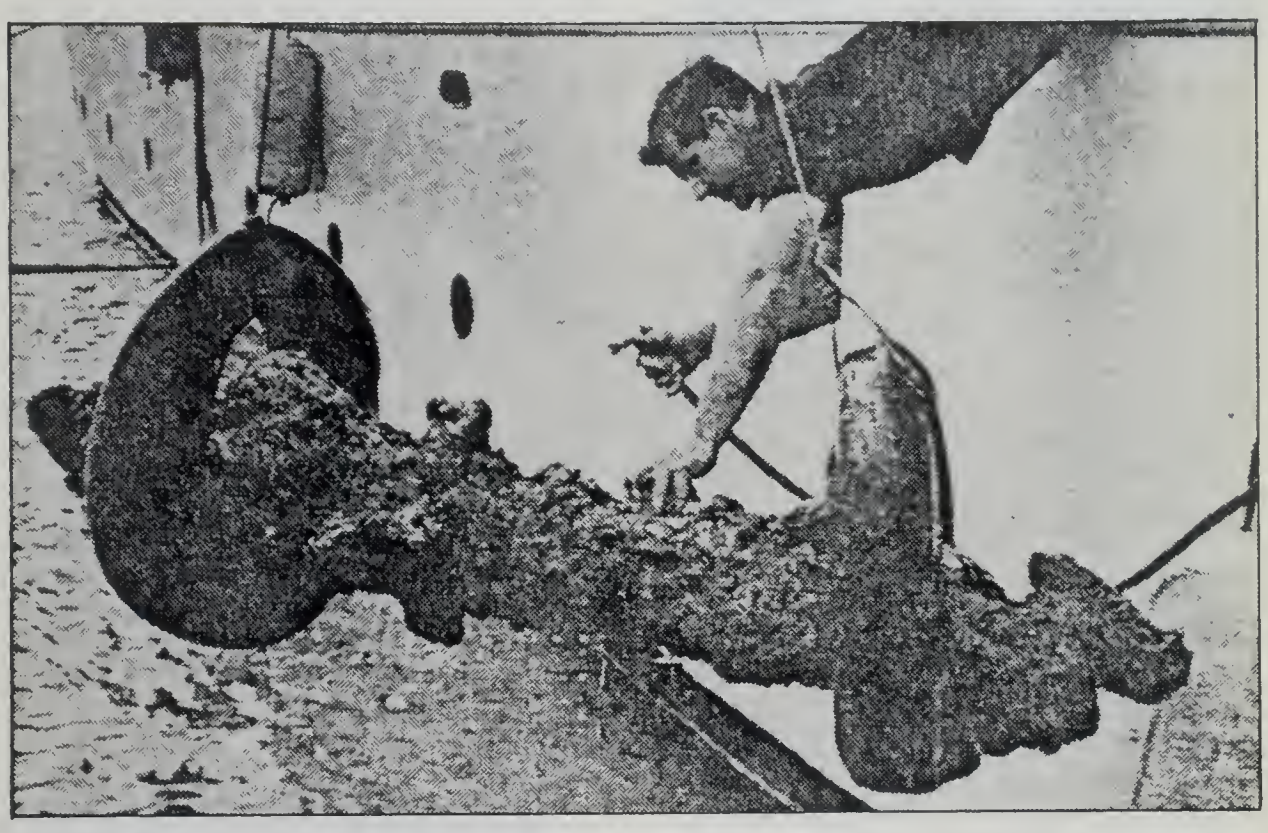

Ancient Brass Cannon Encrusted With Coins and Coral

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San Francisco Continues a Minting Tradition

With a pair of heavy thuds, the gigantic press struck the first American Eagle Silver Bullion Dollar at the U.S. Assay Office in San Francisco on October 29 before an audience of notables from the numismatic, political and media worlds . . . another memorable event in the fascinating 134 year history of U.S. minting in San Francisco.

As your representative of CSNA, it was my pleasure to participate in the impressive ceremonies by striking one of the first coins.

This "first striking" ritual was the fourth since 1982 when the 1982-S George Washington Half was struck; followed in 1983 by the Olympic Dollar and two years later, in 1986, by the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Dollar and Half Dollar.

History of San Francisco minting of U.S. coins began in 1852 with the establishment of the First Mint that operated until its outmoded and undersized facility was replaced in 1874 by the San Francisco Mint - "the Granite Lady". After a span of over six decades, it, too was replaced by the current minting facility.

Doomed for destruction, the First Mint on Commercial Street has been preserved, in part, and incorporated into a commercial complex. The "Granite Lady", also, was saved from destruction through the efforts for U.S. Mint Director Mary Brooks, assisted by CSNA and other interested individuals and organizations. It has been restored and established as an outstanding numismatic and historical museum at Fifth and Mission Streets in San Francisco.

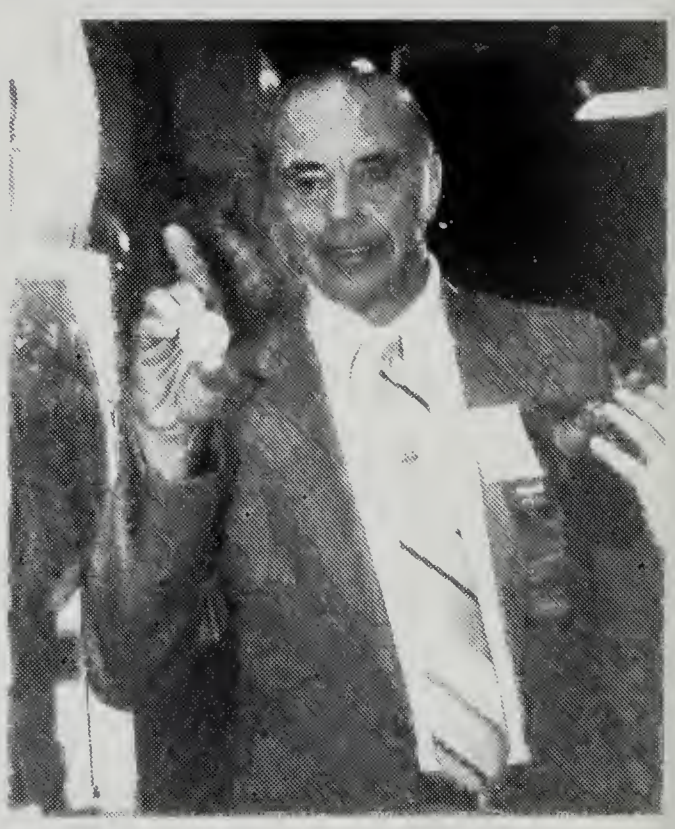
The current "San Francisco Mint" struck coins from 1937 until 1955. A few years later in 1962, its title as a "U.S. Mint" was subordinated to a designation as a "U.S. Assay Office." Minting operations, however, began again on July 13, 1965 and in 1968 proof coin striking operations were moved to this San Francisco facility.

Subsequently, in 1981 the San Francisco Assay Office ceased to strike coins for circulation and now confined its operations to the minting of proof and uncirculated coins.

Valiant attempts have been made to restore the rightful status and title of "U.S. Mint" to the San Francisco facility. Recently, these efforts neared reality only to have Congress adjourn before taking the necessary action on this subject. Although the current momentum has been delayed, it is anticipated that soon after Congress reassembles, it will authorize the reestablishment of the status and title to the San Francisco Mint.

The President's Page

O.L. Wallis, CSNA 2422



Editorially

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Success is something to be proud of, especially if you are a part of that success. I would like to cite two examples that are outstanding in our hobby. One involves an individual, the other a club.

CONGRATULATIONS are sent to Ed Sins who recently celebrated twenty-five years of perfect attendance with the San Jose Coin Club. That adds up to three hundred monthly meetings! Come rain or shine, this gentleman knew his club was counting on him and he was there. He has served numismatics in several capacities in his local area and not only derived enjoyment from his endeavors, but helped other collectors along the way.

Mr. Sins was honored at a recent San Jose Coin Club meeting. The numismatic hobby needs more dedicated members like Mr. Sins. CSNA hopes your perfect attendance continues.

CONGRATULATIONS are sent to the Bay Cities Coin Club on holding their 500th meeting! As we all know, through the years a club sometimes has to change their meeting place several times, for one reason or another. In many cases, the membership drops each time a move is made and can be detrimental to the club's existence. A celebration was held October 20 for a large group of members and guests. Included was a birthday cake, 500th meeting souvenir for all present, a free ticket to everyone for a gold drawing, and a special program with TV actor Richard Dysart.

Several past presidents and long time members have dedicated their efforts throughout the years to the success of the club. To reach 500 meetings (nearly 42 years) is remarkable. CSNA wishes you many more years together.

I am sure there are other milestones among our members. CSNA sends congratulations to all of you.

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Through the Numismatic Glass

CONFEDERATE STATES PAPER USED BY THE UNITED STATES DURING THE CIVIL WAR

History is replete with extraordinary incidents, and fortunately for the coin collector, many of these events are reflected in numismatics. One such odd happening took place during the Civil War when the United States actually used bank note paper with the watermark of the Confederate States of America, "CSA", clearly visible in block letters.

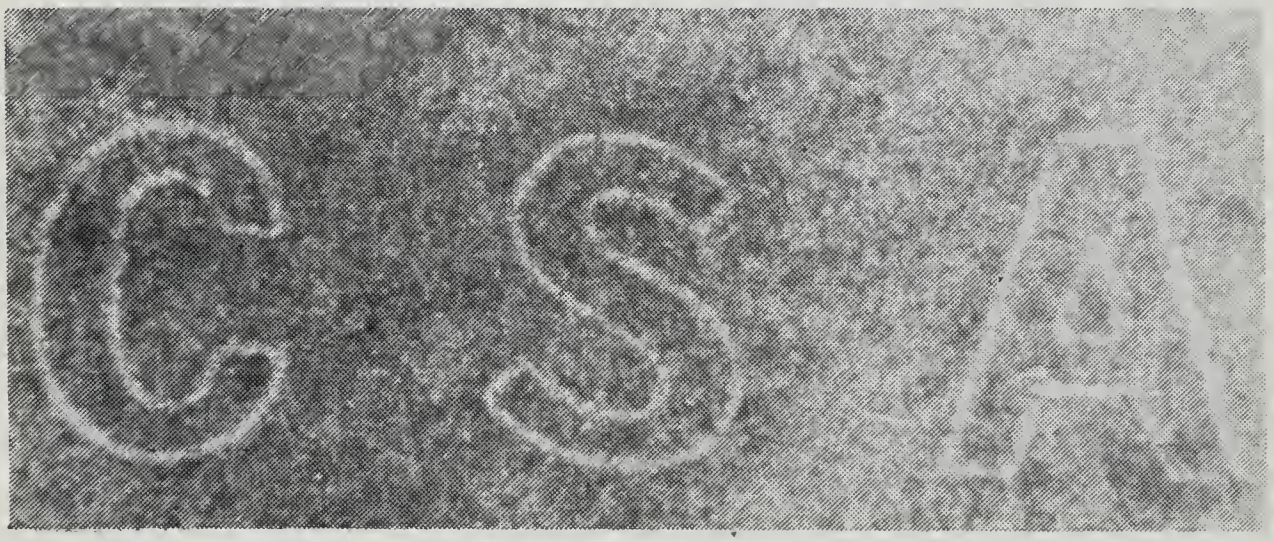


Photo of the watermark which may have been impressed in fine paper by W.S. Hodgkinson and Company in England for use by the Confederate States of America for paper money. The letters were printed in block form 13/16 of an inch high. Eight sets of letters were put on each sheet so that each of the notes printed from the sheet would have the security letters in the middle of one note.

It seems unbelievable, but this actually happened. The paper was ordered from England by the Southern government and was used by the Northern government for the printing of essay, proof, and specimen notes of fractional currency. The government of Jefferson Davis turned to England for many of its wartime needs, one being a supply of fine banknote paper for use in printing paper currency, because his government was to rely heavily on paper money.

Paper was in such short supply in the South that within the first year of the war, many newspapers had ceased to exist because of their inability to acquire paper. Remember this time was about 50 years before newsprint paper from wood was used. Newspapers at that time used regular bonded paper.

One of the mills which was contracted by the rebels was the W.S. Hodgkinson and Company of Wookey Hole Mill near Wells, Somerset, England, which it is said, shipped many reams of fine paper out of Liverpool. In the past, this was the actual mill which supplied the simple "CSA" paper to Leggett, Reading, and Ball Printers in Richmond. It is difficult to know which mill supplied the order for this paper because all mills sold through agents, and not directly to a customer. Thus, while the Somerset area is not close to Liverpool, the agent may have had his office in that city.

It is known that the Confederate States of America also received banknote paper from J. Whatman's Paper Mills, through agents, but this mill had retained the practice of including the numbers of the year in their watermark. In 1794 the Excise Duty Act declared that duty would not be eharged on exported paper if the watermark on the sheet showed the year of manufaeture. While this law expired in 1861, Whatman eontinued to display the year on its exported paper as a tradition.

One shipment of the "CSA" paper left Liverpool in Mareh of 1862 on board the *Bermuda*. The cargo was to pass through Nassau and then run thc Fedcral blockade off South Carolina. A Union Ship, the *Meridita*, captured the *Bermuda* on April 27, 1862, and eseorted her to Philadelphia as a legal prizc of war. All the matcrial which the armed forees desircd was confiscated along with the ship. The part of the bill of lading which was not commandeered was put up for auction. The part of the cargo which interested the U.S. Treasury Department was listed as "reams of fine, white banknote paper."

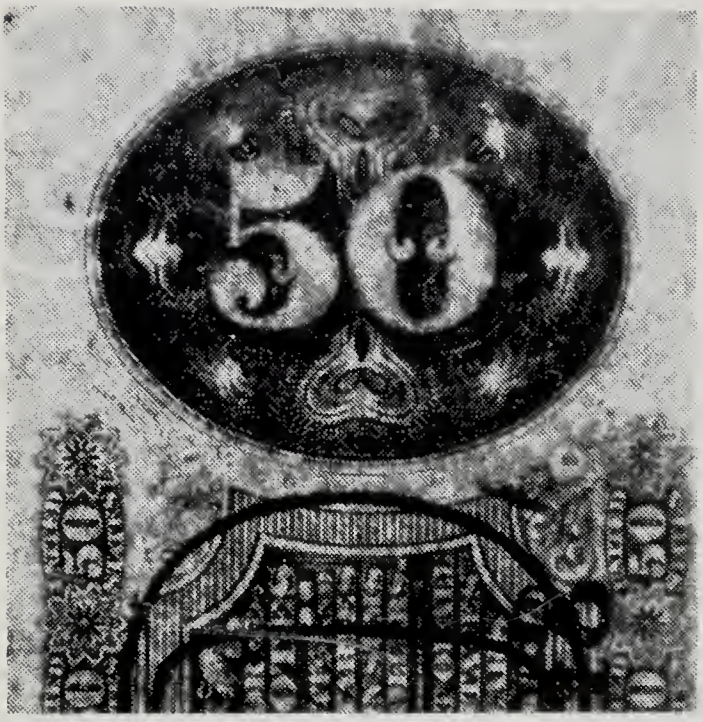
The whole lot of the rcams which measured about 13 by 16 inehes was purehased by a section of the Treasury. This particular department, which on July 11, 1862, would beeome the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, knew that the bonded paper would be ideal for proofing the plates for fractional eurrency and maybe even postage stamps. The shcets had becn watermarked in such a way that the CSA would appear in the middle of eight impressions of notes printcd on the sheet, but with a little care, thc trial impressions made by the U.S. would not reveal all three of the telltale letters. While therc is at least one speciman known to show all three letters, the printers wcre very sueeessful in preventing the enemies' letters from showing, and thus eoncealing thc source of the paper.

The fact that the United States government was willing to use paper captured from the South would seem to indieate that the Northern government was suffering almost as much of a shortage of fine paper as the rebelling states. The Confederates soon had to turn to plain white paper from William S. Whiteman Paper Mill in Manehester, Tennessee, for their currency, but before abandoning watermarked paper they had printed several issues of the higher quality note paper. The C.S.A. had printcd at least a $50.00, $20.00, three differcnt $10.00, and two different $5.00 notes with the block letter C.S.A. watermarked paper in 1861 and two types of $100.00 and a $50.00 note in 1862.

Following the loss of the *Bermuda*, the same C.S.A. bloek letters were used on their paper, but with the addition of wavy lines around the three letters. This ehange was probably brought about by the fear that the U.S. might actually counterfeit the paper money of the South with the proper watermarkcd paper. This action would be very hard to detect if the same paper was used.

This historic event is another example of the thrill of numismatics. Colleetors can still acquire a full sheet, part of a shcet, or an example of an essay, many proofs, or speeimens of fractional currency with the C.S.A. watermark clearly visible. The sheets still show the torn edges just as they were made by the English paper mill. Most of the full sheets show a crease mark whieh indieatcs that the large sheets were once folded to allow easier storage.

There are at least 46 obverse and 46 reverse imprcssions of fraetional currency found on the CSA paper. The number is the same, but the unifaced printings are not in pairs. One essay piece, 38 proofs, and 53 speeimen notes ean be loeated made from this eaptured paper. There must have been more essay prints on this paper but they were probably disearded, leaving only one example of an essay printing on the seized paper. Twenty-six of these impressions on CSA paper were made from notes whieh werc part of the second of fraetional curreney series (October 10, 1863 to February 23, 1867) and 66 different uses in the third series (December 5, 1864 to August 16, 1869) made up the total of 92 different impressions on the English paper whieh went astray.



One example of the use by the United States of America of the paper intended for the Confederate States of America. This specimen note clearly shows the "S" and "A" watermark at each end where the letters would have been on a sheet for the use of regular sheets of Confederate money.

A piece of this paper or one of the U.S. uses for the C.S.A. paper is such a historical piece of history that it is hard not to add one to a collection even if the collector does not own any fractional currency.

Silver American Eagle Bullion Coin

OBVERSE

REVERSE

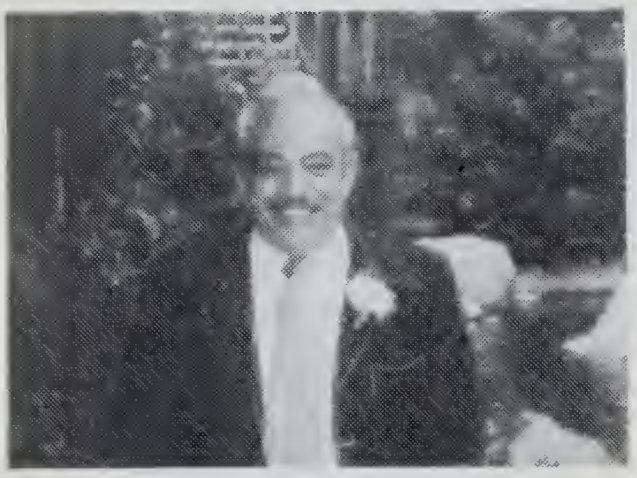
San Francisco, CA (Oct. 29, 1985) — Secretary of the Treasury James A. Baker, III, struck a one-dollar American Eagle Silver Bullion Coin, The first investment grade silver bullion coin in history to be issued by the United States Mint. Authorization for this coin is by Public Law 99-61, signed July 9, 1985. The striking ceremony coincided with the retail availability of the Mint's first gold bullion coins.

Each American Eagle Silver Coin will contain one troy ounce of .999 fine silver and have a face value of one-dollar. The diameter is 40.60 mm, the edge is reeded and each coin will be inscribed with the denomination, year of mintage, and inscriptions currently found on all U.S. legal tender coins.

The American Eagle Silver Bullion Coin obverse will feature Adolph Weinman's historic "Walking Liberty" design as appeared originally on the Walking Liberty Half Dollar minted from 1916 through 1947. Mint Sculptor/Engraver John Mercanti's rendition of the traditional "Heraldic Eagle with Shield" design graces the reverse and symbolizes the theme of strength and endurance.

The coins will be minted at the San Francisco Assay Office. There is legislation pending to restore the building's name to the San Francisco Mint.

Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



Paul Borack

CSNA #3075

The friendly smile you see behind the "O.J." in the hospitality room at most eonventions in, or around Los Angeles, is that of our good friend, Paul Boraek. A native of the Bay State of Massaehusetts, he moved to California after serving three years in the United States Army.

Paul has been in the barbering business over forty years, with more than thirty years in the Marina Del Rey area. He has beeome a fixture at the Los Angeles Orthopaedie Hospital through his involvement with the American Legion. After the Legion Post stopped making regular visits to the hospital, Paul requested and received permission from the hospital and the State Barber Lieensing Board to provide free haircuts to the patients. He devotes at least one night per week to this aetivity. For more than seven years he has also provided free haireuts for the members of the Bible Tabernaele Chureh. Paul is typieally modest about his 30 years of serviee to the hospital and others.

Paul has been a member of the Amerieean Legion for 35 years and was seleeted twiee as "Legionnaire of the Year." He is a Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the eity of Veniee. California has presented Paul with their "Citizen of the Year" award.

He is very aetive in several eommunity and serviee organizations as well as more than 25 eoin elubs. He has been an offieer in most of them, and eurrently is editor and publisher of a couple monthly bulletins, standing at his typewriter between eustomers.

The Bay Cities Coin Club honored Paul with their Aubrey Austin Award which is given for outstanding numismatie achievements.

Paul has been president of the Society for International Numismaties (SIN), Israel Numismatie Soeiety of Los Angeles (INSLA), and the Numismatie Assoeiation of Southern California (NASC).

Several other elubs have benefited from his leadership, among them are the Los Angeles Coin Club, East Los Angeles Coin Club, Culver City Coin Club, Downey Numismatists, West Valley Coin Club and no doubt there are others I don't know about.

In 1983, Paul reeeived the Riehard P. Goodson Memorial Award (NASC's highest award). Krause Publieations named Paul a Numismatic Ambassador at the Convention of International Numismaties (COIN) 1985 eonvention.

Paul is a long time member of the California State Numismatie Assoeiation, CSNA #3075, and has srved on the Literary Awards Committee, plus others. He is also a member of the Ameriean Numismatic Association (ANA).

Well known for his jokes and storytelling, Paul eovers a lot of ground as he visits the various elubs. The trunk of his ear is filled with membership applieations, flyers, NASC Quarterlies and anything else a elub might need. In fact, Paul says he is afraid if he ever owned a van, it would soon be a meeting plaee.

Paul has grown ehildren who visit the eonventions and bring mueh joy to their Dad.

Paul's most rewarding hobby is that of meeting and enjoying people. He is someone who is not only eoneerned for his fellowman, but actually does something about it. He is not only a eredit to the numismatic hobby, but in everything he does.

The Treasure From Lucayan Beach

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The sea seemed to be crowded with ships! The Spanish *flota* (treasure fleet) was spectacular as the mighty vessels gathered at Havana. At least six powerful warships with the collective name of *Galeones* joined the "plate" ships for the dangerous journey back to the mother country. The Spanish ruler, Philip IV, provided for the fleet's defense through assessments on the Indies trade. The guard fleet, manned by as many as 2,000 soldiers and sailors, provided for the safety of the *flota*. The lead vessels were called the *"Capitana"* and *"Almiranta"*. The *"Galeones de Tierra Firme"* had sailed to New Granada (present day Columbia) where treasures of South America (particularly Peru) had been loaded on board. The *flota* of New Spain (Mexico) sailed to Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico. There, much silver as well as cochineal and indigo dyes were placed in the appropriate compartments.

The Spanish admiral commanded the fleet to plan to depart at the *"conjunction of the moon"* — during the lunar phase we call the new moon. Thus the ships were set to sail at the very beginning of September, 1628. Originally the fleets had wintered in the New World and sailed for Spain in June so as to be well-clear of the treacherous Straits of Florida before the dreaded hurricane season. But as time passed and bureaucratic delays arose, the fleet departed later and later in the year.

These were crucial years for Spain as Great Britain, France and the Netherlands were all claiming portions of the New World. In 1622, a twelve year truce with the Dutch had concluded and a horde of enemy ships now preyed upon Spanish shipping. Spain's only link with the Indies was her vital maritime lifeline — the treasure fleets that carried merchant's goods and royal revenues, arms and soldiers and passengers to and from the Mother Country.

Piet Heyn

The Dutch West Indies Company, seeking the wealth of the New World, employed Admiral Piet Heyn. Famed for his daring exploits, Heyn commanded an impressive fleet of 31 ships, 700 cannon and almost 3,000 men. He sailed from Cape San Antonio to the westward of Cuba in early September of 1628. Here, the Dutch Admiral laid in wait for the Spanish treasure fleet.

Very early in the morning of September 8, 1628, the signal gun boomed from the Spanish flagship. Answering guns thundered from the grim walls of the Morro, causing the fleet to come to life. Seamen manned their stations, the pawls clanked as the great iron anchors came slowly aboard. Halyards were swayed tight and the yards braced round. The ships were under way!

Piet Heyn The Great Victory of Martazas Bay was commemorated in the Netherlands by the striking of this rare portrait medal. It is recorded that his personal bounty was around £700,000, and this was only one-tenth of the total captured.

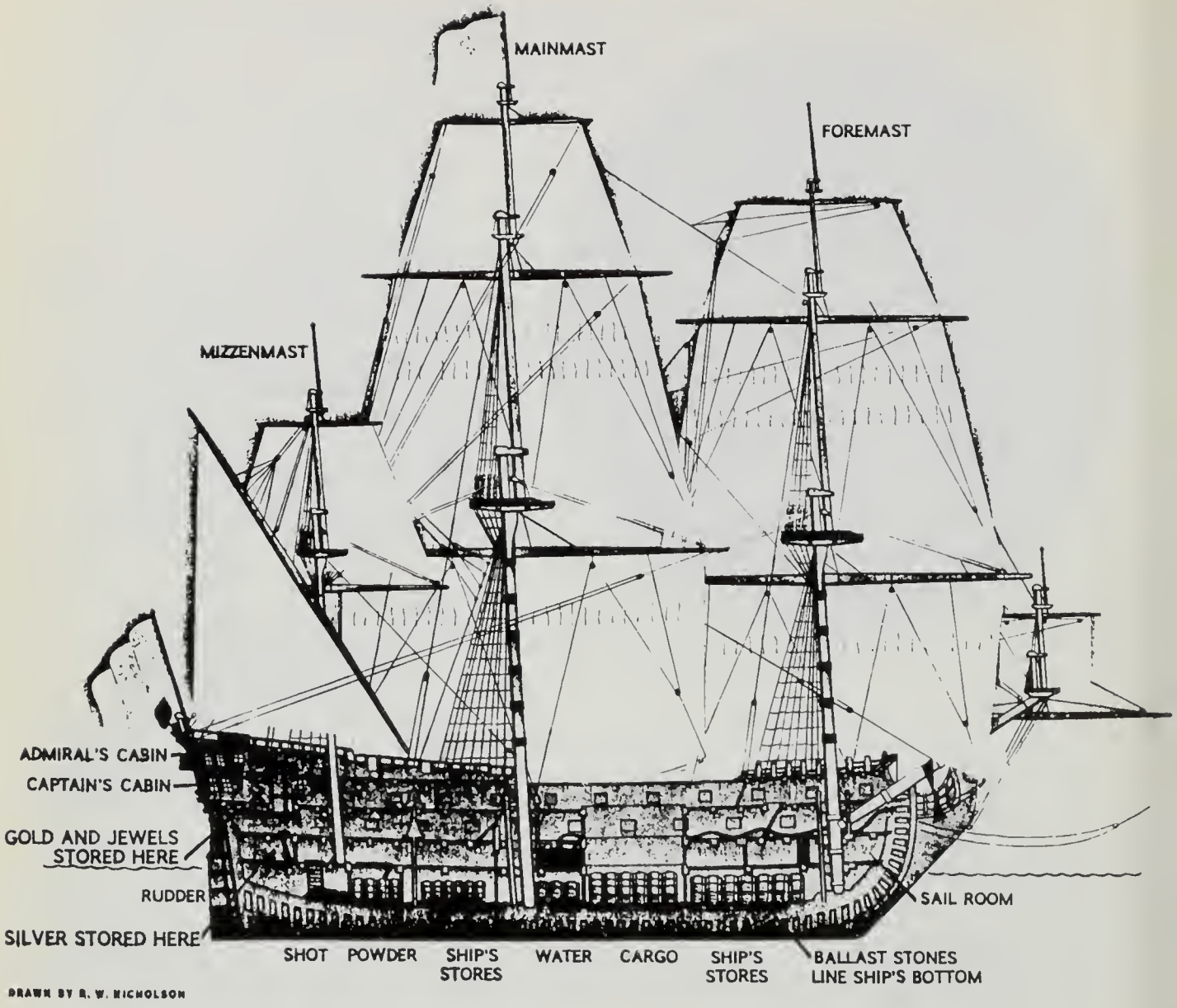
As the two fleets met, the Spanish tried to outsail the Dutch. They headed the galleons into the Matonza River near Havana in an effort to beach the vessels and save the cargo. Heyn came right after them and captured the fleet — only three escaped. The cargoes from the Nueva Espana treasure fleet when sold in Amsterdam — gold, silver, sugar, logwood and indigo — were assessed at 15 million *guilders*. The Dutch West Indies company declared an unprecedented dividend of 50% to its stockholders. Piet Heyn was welcomed home a national hero. On the other hand, the Spanish admiral was banished to North Africa. The unfortunate Spanish commander, a general named Don Juan de Benavides was returned from Cuba and put in prison. Later he was tried and beheaded.

Treasure Hunters

More than 300 years passed by. The march of time witnessed many changes. Gone were the struggles in the New World between Spain and Holland, modern technology provided mankind with undreampt wonders yet the calm seas protected as well as hid the records of past deeds.

One afternoon on August 27, 1964, Gary Simmons, a 24 year old charter-boat skipper who was bored while waiting for his boatload of tourists-turned-skin divers, spotted a coral-encrusted object in less than ten feet of water. Simmons had discovered the remnants of an unusual anchor. This anchor, it was later determined, lacked the usual cross arms which indicated it came from an early vessel. Gary had been hosting novice skin divers in Freeport of the Grand Bahama Islands in the West Indies. These islands lie northeast of Cuba and off the southeastern coast of Florida.

Simmons was joined by his partners; Dick Tindall, a civil engineer, Jack Slack, an ex-cartographer and Bissell Shaver, a construction engineer. The four came back the next day with scuba gear and discovered that the anchor was encrusted with silver coins as were two cannon and ballast stones soon located near the anchor. The four divers had filled an ice chest with Spanish coins from the ocean floor. It appeared the galleon had grounded in ten feet of water between two reefs only a half mile from the shore. The bottom of the boat had been ripped away spilling the coins and ballast over quite a large area of the sea bed.



The primitive diving methods of the 17th century had been satisfactory to recover much of the wreckage but the coins, which were light enough to be dispersed by the currents, lay undetected until found by Gary Simmons and his companions over 300 years later. The four Americans were to eventually recover over 10,000 silver coins. Known as the Lucayan Beach Treasure, the find was considered the largest discovery in treasure salvage in 1964. Since that time, other hoards have surpassed it. Incredibly, the treasure was in less than twelve feet of water and only a stone's throw from shore.

After a cloak and dagger operation that would compete with any well-written mystery adventure, the four young American treasure hunters were able to gain some profit from their treasure. First, they had to protect their "find" from poachers and carry out their regular jobs while still finding time for their salvage work. The four partners decided to report their discovery to the Bahamian Government who forbade them to sell any of the coins until the government's portion of the find could be established. Although they had a potential treasure worth perhaps millions of dollars, the treasure hunters were hard-strapped for funds to carry out salvage operations. Some days they couldn't even scrape together cigarette money let alone gas for their boat.

Thousands of silver coins require much storage space. Handling them became a frantic hassle. Sacks filled closets with wooden boxes on the porch until the beams threatened to crack. One night Jack found his wife in tears. "How do you expect me to keep a nice home with this damned treasure all over? I can't even vacuum anymore," she complained.

It takes a gentle touch and a light tap to chip the coins loose without damaging them. Simmons worked mostly on a narrow porch overlooking the ocean. The wreck was about two miles out from Slack's apartment.

Working on the Coins

After hauling the coins to their apartments, the four men were faced with the problem of separating the coins from the centuries-created encrustations. Following consultations with experts of the American Numismatic Society in New York, it was decided that coral could be removed with muriatic acid applied with toothpicks and wisps of cotton. "An ounce of acid could be purchased from your local drugstore," they were told. Bissell ordered five ten-gallon carboys of the acid, hardly an amount available from the neighborhood store. Work was carried out on a sheet spread on the bedroom floor. The neighbors were told that Jack was working on pieces of art, a massive metal sculpture.

The denomination of the coin is clearly shown by the figure 8 to the right of the shield. The royal crown is at the top.

This smaller 4-Reales just shows the 622 of the date 1622; the Mint initials M for Mexico; the Assayer's initial D below; and the denomination.

Description of the Coins

Huge numbers of eight and four *reales* were recovered along with a very limited number of two *reales* dated between 1616 and 1641. This money came from the reigns of Phillip II (1556-98), Phillip III (1598-1621) and Phillip IV (1621-65). Many bore the date 1628 thus establishing they were not from the disastrous hurricane wrecks of 1622.

These crude looking silver coins were called *macuquina* or "cobs". Miguel Munoz explains the word "cob" originated from an old Irish word meaning "lump" rather than a derivitive of the Spanish *Cabo de Barra* meaning a piece or end of a bar. The silver was refined and poured into ingots by the natives, often slaves and cut to the proper weight with cutting "scissors". These extremely rough shapes were then stamped with even rougher dies probably made by natives copying from earlier Spanish dies.

All the designs follow the same basic pattern. On the obverse is the shield bearing the Spanish Royal arms with a crown above. To the left of the shield are the initials "Mo" or "oM" for the Mexican mint with

The rampant lions and castles within the cross represent the Arms of Leon and Castille.

The reverse of the 4 Reales, is very similar to that of the 8-Reales; a common design for over 100 years of coinage.

the initials of the assayer or *ensayador* below. The letter "o" was added to the "M" of the Mexican mint to differentiate it from the facility at Madrid. To the right of the shield appear the Arabic numeral for the value of the coin although on the two *reales* piece, the value is Roman.

The reverse bears the coat of arms of Leon and Castile, lions and castles in the quarters of a decorative cross, the design which gave them the popular name *Maquina de popalote y cruz* — windmill and cross money.

Before the treasure could be dispersed, the coins sold to collectors and profits realized, many interests who had become involved with the original four Americans had to be settled. These included lawyers who assisted in many legal matters, banks which had advanced finances along with the Bahamian government. Hans Schulman was employed to evaluate the treasure and he estimated (in 1966) the coins to be worth just shy of three million dollars. The government officials requested an appraisal from England and later signed a contract with the firm of Spink & Son Limited to market many of the coins.

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80 Candles for the Denver Mint

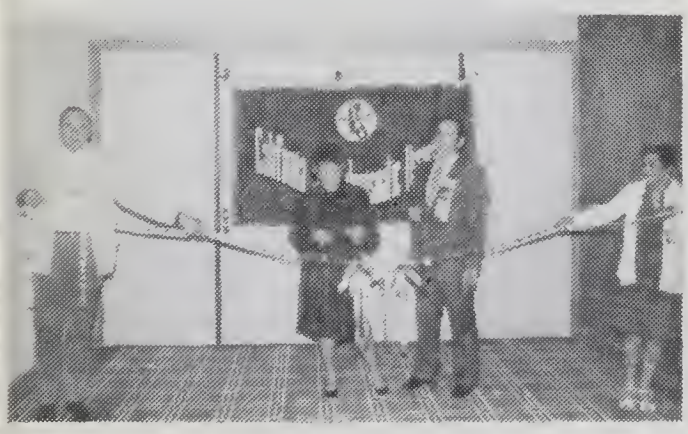
The 79th Semi-Annual Convention of the California State Numismatic Association is now history. But the echoing of the chorus refrain - *Happy Birthday to YOU* - is still being heard loud and clear in the rooms and halls of the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel and Towers, site of this year's Southern gathering honoring the Denver Mint's 80th Birthday.

The Show was hosted by the West Valley Coin Club, which put the spotlight on the heritage of the Denver Mint. Dr. Walt Ostromecki served as General Chairman. He was assisted by Paul Borack, Kay Northam, President of the West Valley Coin Club and, his wife Marin.

The Convention theme - *A Salute to the Denver Mint — 1906-1986* — was depicted on official medals struck in golden bronze - 1500; oxidized bronze - 225; and silver - 225, designed by former Navy Lockheed artist and mother of the General Chairman, Mrs. Agnes Ostromecki.

On Friday morning a ribbon consisting of all the Lincoln cents struck by the Denver Mint since 1911 was strung outside the Convention Hall awaiting the official opening ceremony. The ribbon was held on one side by Mr. O.L. Wallis, President of the C.S.N.A., and on the other side, Mrs. Kay Northam, President of West Valley Coin Club. Doing the cutting honors were Denver Mint Superintendent Hussey and General Chairman Ostromecki. Upon completion of the cutting ceremony, Mrs. Hussey donated the Lincoln cents to the Junior Bourse table for their use.

The Friday luncheon, with hosts, Harold and Leonora Donald, was attended by 44 C.S.N.A. members and guests. Barbara Hyde gave an illustrated talk on "From Gold Dust to Coin - the Heritage of the Denver Mint". Her presentation covered the colorful early gold rush period in Colorado from 1850 through the Clark and Gruber Pikes Peak Gold Coinage to the establishment of a U.S. Assay Office in 1863 and its subsequent designation as a U.S. Mint in 1906 afte coinage began. A special afghan quilted by West Valley Coin Club Life Member Peggy Hurst, and donated to the luncheon, was won by Charles Colver, who remarked it was cold in the room anyway and now he could keep warm and awake for the program.



The Friday evening Educational Forum was moderated by General Chairman Dr. Walt Ostromecki, first to interview Mrs. Hussey after she assumed her duties as Superintendent of the Denver Facility in an exclusive for Coin World. A large crowd filled the Theatre as Mrs. Hussey discussed the history of the Denver Mint, its operations - past, present and future, in-process quality control measures, the current building expansion program, and the future coinage production plan - noting that the Kennedy half dollar would no longer be produced for circulation in 1987.

The Saturday Educational programs began at 10:00 a.m. with a "How to Auction" Forum conducted by Mr. Darrell Brown, President Kenedi Auctions. He advised prospective "auctioneers" on the Ins and Outs of the process.

On Saturday afternoon there were five consecutive open educational forums. The first, entitled "Today's Assaying at the Denver Mint" was given by Mr. Victor Hurtado, Chief Assayer of the Denver Mint. Mr. Hurtado noted that in spite of the fact there are no precious metals in our circulating coinage, he has plenty to do, especially in the area of Quality Control. He noted the biggest problem faced by the Mint in the past few years has been a thickness in size problem with the **dime**. It seems the Mint must sacrifice a good quality full strike in order for the coins to fit into pay telephones.

The California Exonumist Society convened next in the San Lorenzo Room D where moderator Dr. Walt Ostromecki introduced featured speaker Mrs. Eunice Alter, artist and PNC designer from Huntington Beach, who captured her audience with a program on "The Wonderful World of the PNC as Told Through Selected JONAL Art Covers".

Next, the San Lorenzo Room C was nearly filled with Junior Numismatists (and some of those not so Junior) who heard Mrs. Nora Hussey, Superintendent, and Mr. Victor Hurtado, Chief Assayer, of the Denver Mint, speak on the operations at the Denver Mint. At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Nora Hussey presented each young numismatist with a gift — a specially packaged bronze Denver Mint Medal. Door prizes donated by members of the West Valley Coin Club were also given to the Juniors. Dr. Tom Fitzgerald acted as moderator for this event.

At 4:00 p.m., Mr. Alan Hagar of Silver Dollar Specialists, Inc., Greenwich, Connecticut, conducted an open forum on collecting and investing in silver dollars.

Capping off the Saturday afternoon educational activities was the Primitive Money Society meeting at which Mr. John Lenker presented a very enlightening slide program on this unusual collecting field.

Saturday evening, following the West Valley Coin Club Host cocktail hour at 7:00 p.m., 73 members and guests attended the C.S.N.A. Awards Banquet in the Hotel's Pacific Ballroom B. Banquet hostess was Awanda Ayers who stepped in at the last minute for an ailing Lorna Lebold. Dr. John Venable, aka Norman Rockwell, the only honorary member of the host club - the West Valley Coin Club, served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

Leonora Donald receives her CSNA 25-Year membership medal.

President O.L. Wallis recognized C.S.N.A. 25 year members by presenting each with a silver medal. Those honored were: Lloyd Brockway, H.S. Perlin Co., San Francisco Coin Club, Ellen D. Gilruth, Lillian M. Hooker, Howard S. Dunkler, Napa Valley Coin Club, California Exonumist Society, Society for International Numismatists, San Diego Inter-Club Numismatic Council, Leonora Donald, Russell Rulau, Northern California Numismatic Association, Patsy R. Rose, Sacramento Valley Coin Club and John J. Ford, Jr.

John E. Lenker is the proud husband of Kay Lenker who is the latest recipient of a Numismatic Ambassador Award. Charles Colver made the presentation.

In a surprise move, Charles Colver, West Coast representative for Krause Publications in Iola, Wisconsin, bestowed the publication's latest Ambassador Award upon a stunned and speechless Kay Lenker of San Diego.

The honors of presenting the numerous competitive awards fell to Co-Chairmen Lynda Richard and Phil Iversen.

West Valley Coin Club host club president Kay Northam presented an award of appreciation - which included a silver convention medal - to Mrs. Agnes Ostromecki, for her winning design.

Dr. Walt Ostromecki, General Chairman, was allowed to "strike the last few words" as he thanked and presented each of his convention committee with a special oxidized bronze Show Medal memento.

Harold Katzman receives special Theme Award from Nora Hussey, Superintendent of the Denver Mint.

On Sunday morning 45 members and guests attended the CSNA's past president's breakfast hosted by Joe and Margaret Papac in the Hotel's coffee shop. This gathering pays honor to the past CSNA presidents for their dedication to the numismatic hobby and the Association's educational goals. Past presidents in attendance included: Charles Kappen, Charles Colver, Al Hall, Al Baber, Dan Harley, Curly Mitchell, Bill Wisslead, and John Lenker. Current CSNA President O.L. Wallis proposed a toast to honor all those who have made the CSNA over the years, one of the finest numismatic associations in the country and asked that today's gathering be dedicated in honor of past-president Bryan Burke who was too ill to attend.

The last educational event of the convention was an Exhibitor-Exhibiting Forum conducted on Sunday afternoon by ANA certified judge and avid exhibitor, Kay Lenker.

Exhibit Awards

A - United States

1st ..... *Buffalo Nickel Design* - Roy Iwata

B - Ancient & Medieval

1st ..... *Animals on Ancients* - John Lenker
2nd ..... *Some Old Swedes* - John Lenker
3rd ..... *Fractional Bronze Coinage of Ancient Greek Sicily* - Micheal Cozzolino

C - Modern Foreign

1st ..... *Coins of Maria Theresia* - Kay Lenker
2nd ..... *First Queen of the Netherlands on 2 Gold Coins* - Virginia Hall
3rd ..... *Kids Are Kings* - John Lenker

D — Substitutes for Money

1st ..... *Some Silver Odd & Curious of Siam* - Al Hall
2nd ..... *Some Bead Money* - John Lenker
3rd ..... *Yap Stone Money* - John Lenker

E — Paper Money

1st ..... *Uniqueness on the 1864 $500 Confederate Note* - Marin Ostromecki
2nd ..... *$2.00 Bills are Fun* - John Lenker
3rd ..... *North Carolina Depression Script* - Virginia Hall

F — Orders & Decorations

1st ..... Order of the Crown of Thai - Al Hall
2nd ..... *Purple Heart* - Charles Colver

G — Medals

1st ..... *Remembering Apollo XI* - Bill Grant
2nd ..... *C.S.N.A. Medallions* - Earl Dale
3rd ..... *Centennial Medals of the U.S. Mint* - Jerry Schreckengost

H — Miscellaneous

1st ..... *A Numismatic Chronology* - Ray Roclofs
2nd ..... *The Kolit Wheel* - Jerry Schreckengost

I — Juniors (None)

Non-Competitive ..... *A Salute to the Women of the Denver Mint* - Walt Ostromecki

Invitational ..... *Sambo's of California* G.A. "Corky" Ayres
Liberty Centennial - Phil Iversen

Theme Award ..... *A Denver No "D" Cent* - Harold Katzman

Best in Show ..... *Coins of Maria Theresia* - Kay Lenker

California Exonumist Society Award: *Some Silver Odd and Curious of Siam* - Al Hall

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Convention photos in this issue are through the courtesy of Kay Northam and Dr. Walter Ostromecki, Jr.

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CSNA 80th Semi-Annual Convention

San Francisco

May 1-3, 1987

Room Reservation

Reserve your room now directly with the convention hotel. Be sure to mention CSNA so you receive the discounted rate and CSNA receives proper credit.

Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco, CA 94109
Phone: (415) 776-8200

$80.00 Single $90.00 Double

Vera Cruz — Fiesta Luncheon

The convention luncheon is being held on Friday, May 1, 1987, 12:00 noon, at the Vera Cruz Restaurant, directly across the street from the Cathedral Hill Hotel. A fine selection of Mexican delights will be available (gringos may order hamburgers). The cost of the luncheon is $10.00. Make your advance reservation through Don T. Thrall, 610 Arlington Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707

Convention Banquet

Another fine banquet has been assured us by the Cathedral Hill Hotel. It will be held Saturday evening, May 2, 1987. Advance banquet tickets are available at a cost of $20.00 each from Don T. Thrall, 610 Arlington Ave., Berkeley, CA. 94707.

Call for Patrons

All CSNA members are cordially invited to help support the 80th Semi-Annual Convention by becoming convention patrons. Patron support helps defray the cost of producing the convention and establishes your support of numismatics. Four categories of tax deductible patron support are available: Collector - $10.00; Dealer - $10.00; Club - $15.00 and Benefactor - $25.00. Of course, larger donations are most appreciated. With your help, the 80th Convention will be a memorable event for all. Your patron check, which should be made payable to the California State Numismatic Association, should be sent to Don T. Thrall, 610 Arlington Avenue, Berkeley, CA. 94707.

* NOTICE * NOTICE * NOTICE *

Consignments are now being accepted for the SPRING AUCTION to be held at the 80th CSNA Semi-Annual Convention Cathedral Hill Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco. The dates of the show are May 1-3, 1987.

Send your consignments to Mr. Darrell Brown, c/o Kenedi Numismatic Auctions, 17200 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA. 91316.

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The Slate of the Candidates

The policy of the California State Numismatic Association is to maintain a proper balance of officers throughout the state. According to the percent of members in both the North and the South, there will be three directors elected from the North, five from the South. *Check your ballots carefully.*

President

Dorothy Baber

Vice-President

Ed Fulwider

Secretary

Ethel Lenhert

Treasurer

Don Thrall

Directors

Ken Barr

Stephen M. Huston

Dave Cieniewicz

Gerald Carsman

Lawrence P. Baber

G. Lee Kuntz

Kay Lenker

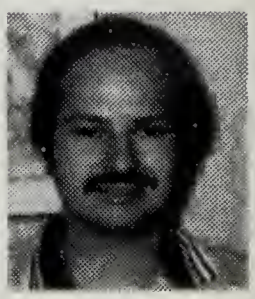
Tom Fitzgerald

Phil Iversen

"Corky" Ayers

Eric Millman

Angus Bruce



Harold Katzman

DOROTHY BABER, El Cajon, my main interest is more in the administrative end of the hobby, having held offices in San Diego Numismatic Society, LaMesa Numismatic Society, San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council, and at present serving as Vice President with CSNA. I am also serving as Secretary of Token and Medal Society for the 19th year. My interest in the hobby comes as a result of my husband's interest which began in the late 1950's. I did not want to be left out, so I joined in.

ED FULWIDER, Pacifica, has been director for the past several years, also served as security chairman for the 60th, 62nd, 64th, 74th and 78th along with being registration co-chairman for the 66th CSNA conventions. He was general chairman for the 68th, 70th and 72nd conventions. He is chairman of the YN program and "unofficial P.R. man" for the San Francisco Mint where he has been employed for more than 19 years, currently Senior Die-Setter. He enjoys speaking to schools, clubs and service organizations about coin collecting and mint history.

ETHEL LENHERT, Upland has served CSNA for the past six years as secretary. She is a past-president of the Upland Coin Club, and was CSNA General Chairman in Pasadena in 1977. She has served as moderator for several forums, enjoys exhibiting and giving educational programs.

DON THRALL, Berkeley, currently CSNA Treasurer. Served as director and vice president, was General Chairman in 1961 and forum moderator in 1979. Authored several articles which have been published in *Calcoin News* and has won several literary awards. Don received a Fellow Award from the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

KEN BARR, San Jose, was CSNA General Chairman for the 76th show in 1985 and will be G C again in 1987. He is currently a CSNA Director. He has held several offices in San Jose Coin Club, as well as the Cupertino Coin Club, publicity chairman of the Souvenir Card Collectors Society. Currently Ken is engineering manager of a high-tech electronics firm.

STEPHEN M. HUSTON, San Francisco, has been a numismatic collector for 26 years. Experienced authenticator, professional numismatist in ancients and medievals for the past seven years. Has had several articles published on numismatic items. Hopes to expand membership services and restore educational projects trust fund. Will help CSNA build a future for California collectors.

DAVE CIENIEWICZ, Redwood City, is the General Chairman of the upcoming 80th CSNA convention and served on the 70th and 72nd convention committees. He is the recipient of the 1986 CSNA Silver Literary Award. An active numismatist in Northern California, he is immediate past president of the Liberty Numismatic Society and current president of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. Dave is always eager to do his part for the advancement of numismatics.

PHIL IVERSEN, Sherman Oaks, has served CSNA four terms as a director, was general chairman and medal designer for the 63rd convention. Has been both an exhibitor, exhibit judge and exhibit chairman, currently auction coordinator. Was president of the Bay Cities Coin Club from 1975 through 1978, secretary in 1974, treasurer since 1983 and co-editor of the club bulletin. Past President and Bourse Chairman of West Valley Coin Club, received the Aubrey Austin Memorial Award in 1976 from BCCC. Program Chairman of Litton Coin Club on the NASC speakers list, and recently elected Vice President of the California Exonumist Society. Member of ANA, SPMC, SIN and TAMS.

DR. THOMAS F. FITZGERALD, Covina was General Chairman of the CSNA 73rd convention, now Director of Education. Popular speaker locally and at the ANA Theatre, author of over fifty published articles for which he has received numerous awards. Recipient of the Freedom Foundation Medal from Valley Forge, a consultant for the Standard Catalog of World Coins, special interest in Papal Coins and Medals.

CATHARINE EDGERTON LENKER, San Diego, currently serves CSNA as custodian of educational material and director. Willing worker or leader who looks for places to lend a hand. Exhibitor, judge, moderator and speaker at many numismatic functions. ANA accredited judge, has held several offices in the San Diego area clubs, general chairman for the 1983 ANA convention in San Diego. Encourages beginning numismatists of all ages.

ANGUS BRUCE, Hemet, was the Security Chairman for the 75th CSNA convention in Anaheim. He has served the IBNS as auctioneer and is currently the IBNS librarian. He was a contributor to Krause's Standard Catalog of World Paper Money, Vol. 1 and 2. He is the current president of the San Bernardino County Coin Club and the Hemet Numismatists.

LAWRENCE P. BABER, El Cajon, is a CPA with strong numismatic interests. V.P. of the Hawaii State Numismatic Association for four years, President of the Maui Coin Club, General Chairman of the ANA Midwinter in Hawaii, 1981. Member of the ANA audit committee in 1983 and 1984. Editor of the *Kala Korner* was treasurer of San Diego Numismatic Society and has received numerous exhibit awards at local, state and national shows. Life member of ANA, SDNS, CSNA, MCC. Active supporter of Boy Scouts of America.

G.A. "Corky" AYERS, Pomona, is a very active numismatist in Southern California. He is a past president of NASC and COIN, Pomona Valley, Upland and Covina Coin Clubs along with Southern California Wooden Money Association. He has a good knowledge of the workings of a club being treasurer, bourse chairman, chairman of a visual education library, always willing to pit in and help where needed.

G. LEE KUNTZ, Claremont, has collected coins since the 1930's, specializing in U.S. Large Cents. Past President of the Los Angeles Coin Club. CSNA director 1978-1982; 1985-'86; educational symposium speaker in 1977 and convention forum speaker in 1978. Lee will be General Chairman for the Fall CSNA show in 1987. He enjoys giving programs for local coin clubs and is owner and president of Masterpiece Medallions who produces the CSNA medallion series.

ERIC MILLMAN, San Diego, has been collecting coins since he was 10 years old when his parents brought back some coins from Mexico. In Junior High School he collaborated with his history teacher to co-found a stamp and coin club. He is associated with CSNA, NASC, SIN, ANA, International Banknote Society and the Maximillian Numismatic and Historical Society plus several local clubs. He has served numismatics in the areas of club representative, exhibit chairman, sign chairman and Junior Forum chairman. He is always ready to help wherever needed.

GERALD CARSMAN, Fair Oaks, CA., has been in numismatics since the early 1950's when he became a YN member of the San Bernardino County Coin Club Board. He is a grading student, consultant and lecturer, past president and bourse chairman for the Sacramento Valley Coin Club. Member of the ANA, NASC, NCNA, CSNS, TNA, Silver Dollar Roundtable, Society of U.S. Commemorative Coins, and holds CSNA membership #4012. Jerry is dedicated to furthering higher ethical standards in the numismatic community and sustaining the hobby by encouraging and recruiting young people.

HAROLD KATZMAN, Ontario, CA., is an avid collector of quality coins and special interest in space medals. He is the current recording secretary of NASC, has chaired several of NASC's Club Workshops covering Grading and Counterfeiting. An active member and Past President of several local clubs, he has won several awards for his fine exhibits. He is CSNA Publicity Chairman for the 1987 Fall convention at the Red Lion Inn, Ontario hosted by the Upland Coin Club.

Burke Named Historian Emeritus

The title of "Historian Emeritus" was bestowed upon Bryan Burke by the CSNA Executive Board at its recent semi-annual meeting.

For more than a quarter of a century, Bryan has served as a member of the Board in various capacities including a term as CSNA president. The retiring historian leaves the CSNA records as a well-organized, meaningful and useful collection of the historical archives of CSNA's 39-year history.

These archives will serve as a continuing tribute to Bryan's interest, dedication and devotion to the California State Numismatic Association.

President O.L. Wallis has appointed Freddie Grant to fill Bryan's unexpired term as CSNA Historian.

News, Views & Whos . . . from

Southern California

By Dr. Shelby Wagner, CSNA #3590

LOGO, LOGO, WHO'S GOT THE LOGO?

The Long Beach Coin Club conducted a search for a logo over the summer. Logo is defined as a graphic design used to identify or be associated with the club. The club celebrated its 60th birthday during October.

SAY IT ISN'T SO

We were distressed to hear that Corky Ayers has suffered a heart attack and was in intensive care for a period. Corky became ill as the CSNA show in October. Probably everyone who reads this journal has heard Corky speak at one meeting or another. He is a true friend to all who meet him. Awanda is recuperating and at home now. Take care, you two, and get well soon!

THANK YOU

A special thank you is in order to Secretary and Editor Warren Heistand for the nice job he does in writing the Long Beach Coin Club Courier.

GALA EVENT

The September meeting of the Los Angeles Coin Club featured over 100 auction lot items. The auction was put on by the club and Michael Aron.

CONGRATULATIONS: WALTER AND COMPANY

Congratulations are in order to Dr. Walter Ostromecki and the West Valley Coin Club for the excellent job they did in hosting the CSNA Show in October. A special thank you to Harold and Leonora Donald, Agnes Ostromecki, Maurice Getz, Bob Northam, Awanda Ayers, Irene Getz, Bob Medina, Debbie Keiser, Norm and Dorothy Johnson, Lynda Richard, Marin and Cami Ostromecki, Paul Borack, Frank Kish, Jack Whitten, Sidney Faggot, Joe and Margaret Papee, Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Steve Albanese, Jerry Schreckengost and Reigh Roeclofs!

500 BUT NO CHECKERED FLAG YET

The Bay Cities Coin Club held its 500th meeting in October. Mr. Richard Dysart, starring in the television hit show *L.A. Law*, was the guest speaker. Mr. Dysart talked about his acting and numismatic interests. The meeting, needless to say, was well attended. Let's hope we can write about the next 500th meeting when it occurs!

WE WILL ALL BE SOLVENT, BUY AND BUY

The Los Angeles Coin Club has an auc-

tion at the conclusion of every meeting. Following that, they have a donation auction with items being donated, proceeds going to the club. The club recently thanked Michael Aron for his nice contribution.

A CHANGE OF PACE . .. OR TROT

During the summer when vacations and family outings take some members from the clubs, special programs are developed. A number of clubs feature Other Hobbies Nights or White Elephant sales. Each of the clubs report good times are enjoyed by all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Israel Numismatic Society of Los Angeles was funded in 1976 and hence celebrated its tenth birthday in June.

ONE LARGE INSTALLATION BEATS TWO SMALL ONES

The Bay Cities and Culver City Coin Clubs are jointly planning their January installation banquet. When two clubs meet together like this for the purpose of installation, it is usually very worthwhile and festive. The Garden Grove and Anaheim Coin Clubs hold an annual joint installation meeting.

SAY IT DIDN'T HAPPEN

John Nichols of the Verdugo Hills Coin Club was involved in a serious head-on collision while vacationing in Springfield, Missouri. Suffering broken ribs, compound leg fractures and a punctured lung, John fortunately survived. We wish John a speedy recovery!

THANKS FOR THE NEWS!

A new club bulletin came forth . . . *The San Gabriel Valley Coin Club Bulletin*. Thanks to Phil Iversen for sending the publication. We wish President Alva Christensen and all the members an excellent year.

COIN-O

The Downey Numismatist played COINO at its October meeting. For those who don't know, COINO is played similarly to BINGO. However, unlike bingo, numismatic prizes are awarded to winners.

GLENDALE INSTALLATION

Thirty-two were present to witness the Installation of Officers of the Glendale Coin Club. Installing Officer Paul Borack did an excellent job.

IT'S WORTH DOING

The California Wooden Money Association is suggesting a series of woods honoring all twenty-one missions. Issuance of one per month to members and selling to organizations might enhance the treasury and create interest in the Missions and Wooden Money. An idea to ponder. What do you think?

ANOTHER SUCCESS

The Santa Barbara Coin Club's twenty-eighth show was well attended. The club would like to thank those who attended and ask everyone to attend the show in 1987.

A CHANGE IN TIME . . . AND NOT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

The Orange County Coin Club has returned to the eight o'clock starting time. The club has experienced some interesting times, including having a street person attend a meeting and partake of the food. On another occasion, a street person stayed inside the building overnight and was found bathing in the bathroom next morning.

WHO CAN AFFORD TO STAY HOME?

The San Diego Numismatic Society will hold its January Awards Dinner at the Nordic Inn on Saturday, January 17, 1987. Mark the calendars immediately and plan to attend. Believe me, the price is right **($7.50)**!

GOOD NEWS FROM WHITTIER

The City of Whittier will commence celebrating its centennial beginning January 1, 1987. The Whittier Coin Club, to honor the city, produced a wooden nickel with the Centennial logo on the obverse and the Coin Club logo on the reverse. Yes, they have some for sale!

The Whittier Coin Club held a pot-luck feast prior to the start of their September meeting.

Nate Bromberg of the Whittier Coin Club, and several other clubs, has had back surgery and is recuperating. It is tough to keep a good man down so Nate is once more up and active. Thataway to show them, Nate!

Congratulations to Whittier Coin Club member Milton Goldberg for work he does as a volunteer in the Whittier "Food Give-away Program". He assists the blind, the disabled and the shut-ins in receiving their fair share. At a recent awards dinner he was presented with a Certificate of Merit.

The Whittier Coin Club's monthly publication is called the Proof Sheet. The publication will be listing books that members will loan or sell. As numismatists know, knowledge is a major part of any hobby.

SUPER SAN BERNARDINO

The San Bernardino County Coin Club presented Bryan Burke with a Declaration of Appreciation for his contributions to numismatics and the club. Bryan was the key force in establishing the SBCCC in 1948. This is well deserved recognition to an outstanding person and numismatist.

A super auction was held in October with 183 lots offered to members and guests.

The Club will host their 24th Annual Coin and Hobby Show January 4, 1987 at the National Orange Show Citrus Building. A golden bronze 1½" medal shows the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. Kimi Curlett will be the Queen of the Show, Miss U.S. Constitution.

The San Bernardino County Coin Club is encouraging members and friends to mark January 10, 1987 as the date for the annual banquet. A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of 25 year member pins to 36 members.

WHAT A CONTEST(?)

The Covina Coin Club held a pie contest in August. There were seven kinds of pie. First place went to Lynda Glover, whose pie was the Chocolate Sunday Pie or the next best thing to Robert Redford. It would appear judges are relatively easy to find for such a contest.

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW

Awanda Ayers, writing in the Covina Coin Club's Covina News, informs us Bourse is derived from the French word *boise*, meaning "purse". It is also defined as exchange or business meeting place, as the Paris Stock Exchange.

THE BIG 50

The San Diego Numismatic Society is offering a special set of bronze and silver medals for its 50th anniversary. The gala event will occur in June 1987.

CELEBRATION IS IN ORDER

The Upland Coin Club held their anniversary potluck during August. They celebrate their birthday each year with a very nice outing. Members are planning for the Fall CSNA show which they will host at the Red Lion Inn, Ontario, November 6-8, 1987.

ALIVE . . . AND GROWING

Many of the clubs are reporting first time visitors in ever-increasing numbers. This is a very good sign for the hobby. Keep recruiting new members!

GOOD GOING, ROY!

President Roy Westwood of the Verdugo Hills Coin Club has resigned his position. The Westwoods have moved to Palm Desert. For many years of faithful service, the club presented Roy a plaque, gavel and Life Membership in the club.

SPEAKERS PLATFORM

CORKY AYERS
The Winchester House
Upland Coin Club
Coineers Coin Club

RAY ADAMSON
Cowrie Shell Money
California Wooden Money Association

JIM BETTON
Around the World in Numismatics
Litton Coin Club

JOHN BOYDSTON
Error Coins
California Wooden Money Association

SALLY CASALAINA
Special Twenty-Cent Piece
Glendale Coin Club

CHARLES COLVER
Washington in Numismatics
Downey Numismatists
West Valley Coin Club

Home Town Bank Notes
Verdugo Hills Coin Club
Los Angeles Coin Club

JACK DETWILER
The Covina Centennial
Covina Coin Club

The Ten Most Popular Patriotic Civil War Tokens
Culver City Coin Club

HAROLD DONALD
"The Influence of Ancient Greek and Roman Mythology and Coinage on U.S. Coins and Currency"

DR. THOMAS FITZGERALD
The Statute of Liberty
Culver City Coin Club
Bay Cities Coin Club
Downey Numismatists

SCOTT FRATZKE
The ANA Educational Seminar
Whittier Coin Club

ALBERT HALL
Columbus and the Convent de la Rabida
Orange County Coin Club

The Columbian Exposition
Long Beach Coin Club

Emiliano Zapata
San Bernardino County Coin Club
Azteca Numismatic Society

JOEL HARWIN
Coin Cleaning
Santa Barbara Coin Club

PHIL IVERSEN
Coin Grading
Litton Coin Club

N.V. JAMGOCHIAN
Coins of the Julio-Claudian Dynasty
S.C.A.N.S.

DAVE JONES
Japanese Coinage
San Diego Numismatic Society

HAROLD KATZMAN
The Spruce Goose
Downey Numismatists

VIC KOZIK
Father of His Country
S.C.A.N.S.

LEE KUNTZ
To Sink a Die
San Bernardino County Coin Club
West Valley Coin Club

JOHN LENKER
Ludwig II and His Coins
Verdugo Hills Coin Club

KAY LENKER
Maria Theresa
Fontana United Numismatists

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Coineers Coin Club

MIKE MOLINE
Open Forum on Numismatics and the Market Place
Long Beach Coin Club

MARIN OSTROMECKI
Confederate Currency
California Wooden Money Association

DR. WALTER OSTROMECKI
The Denver Mint
Bay Cities Coin Club

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News, Views & Who's . . . from

Northern California

By Lorelie Fulwider, CSNA A-3163

The CSNA 79th Convention at Los Angeles was such fun! One of the most enjoyable things was meeting Mrs. Nora Hussey, Superintendent, U.S. Mint at Denver. Mrs. Hussey was not only a most interesting speaker, but she has such a delightfully warm personality that we were all captivated by her. Her presence added a great deal to the convention!

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Newly elected officers are as follows: President, Denis Hooker; 1st Vice President, Constance Perhan; 2nd Vice President, Ron Miller; Treasurer, Ed Sins; Secretary, Robert Mish.

Florence Schook, ANA President, and *Ed Fulwider* presented a youth program during the *NCNA 25th Anniversary Convention* to a packed audience of youngsters and adults. Speakers at the

Educational Forum were *Cal Wilson, Bill Fivaz, David Lange* and *Ed Fulwider,* who replaeed *Anthony Swiatik* who was ill.

SILVER NIGHT PLANNED BY VALLEJO COIN CLUB

Plans were being made at the time of this writing for *Silver Night*, November 5th. An all silver eoin and rounds raffle, all silver for Show and Tell and displays of silver dollars ineluding a eomplete colleetion of Canadian silver dollars are planned. Guest speakers will be *G. Lee Kuntz, Masterpiece Medallions,* speaking on "Sinking a Die", and *Elliot Pearson, National Commentator* and booster of silver. A limited issuanee one ounce silver round will be offered that night to those attending. Any unsold rounds will be destroyed.

FRED LUTGENS HONORED BY SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB

Hans Hansson, Roy Adams, George Ham, Rose Huntington, Mike Perekstenko, Ron Johnson, John Verzi and Mark Clark praised *Fred's* devotion and hard work for the elub. They also shared many aneedotes about him.

Donald Barsi talked to the group at the July meeting about silver rounds, their aequisition, their security and a eatalog which will be eoming out in January 1987 about them.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WOOD MONEY COLLECTORS HELD

President Bill Beist called the meeting to order April 19th during the CSNA Spring Convention. A general diseussion on the history of USA wood and wood makers was held. Following this, members were invited to seareh through a box of mixed woods and ehoose those they could use. Leftover woods were given to *Ed Fulwider* to give them to the school ehildren who attend his talks.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB PARTICIPATES IN CERES HARVEST FESTIVAL

During the *Ceres Harvest Festival*, July 18 - 20, *Stanislaus County Coin Club* added eight new members to their ranks as *Howard Wesley, Fred Ybarra* and *Hal De Board* greeted festival goers.

This is the first time that I have had the pleasure of reporting on the aetivities of the *Stanislaus County Coin Club.* Frankly I am very impressed by the informative newsletter produeed by editor, *Fred Ybarra.* He not only reports news of his elub, but of other elubs in the area as well. I would like to weleome them to the ranks of *CSNA* and thank them for sharing their news with us.

Their meetings are held on the seeond and fourth Wednesday of the month at 8:00 in the Odd Fellows Hall, 4th and Lawrence Streets, Ceres, California.

RON KELICHNER SPEAKS TO DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Ron, who is the *Quality Assurance Manager* at the *Anheuser-Busch* plant spoke on the hobby of beer eolleetibles.

Plans were diseussed for the *24th Annual Coin Show*, at the Pleasant Hill Reereation Center, 320 Ceire Dr., Pleasant Hill.

CHRIS ARCHER APPOINTED JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF SAN JOSE COIN CLUB

Michele Starr regretfully resigned as *Junior Vice President* beeause she and her family were moving out of the area. *Chris Archer*, younger brother of *Vice President Tim Archer*, was appointed to serve the remainder of her term.

For the seeond straight year, the proposal of a gold medal was soundly defeated by the membership. The vote was 14 in favor and 28 opposed.

Ed Sins eelebrated 25 years of perfeet attendanee at the elub meetings. This is truly an outstanding reeord!

Ron Miller was the guest speaker at the August meeting. He gave an informative talk titled "My Experiences at Being a New Collector of California Trade Tokens.

John French was featured at the September meeting, with his talk on Russian eoins.

80th CSNA CONVENTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED BY HOST CLUB, PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

PCNS President and Convention General Chairman, Dave Cieniewicz, announeed the names of his hard working eommittee. They are as follows: *General Chairman, Dave Cieniewicz; Assistant General Chairmen, Becky Cieniewicz and Steve Huston; Bourse Chairman, Don Thrall; Registration Chairman, Bill Davis; Education Forum Moderator, Rick Webster; Banquet M.C., Ruth Phillips; Security Chairman, Ed Fulwider; Exhibit Chairmen, Al and Virginia Hall; Awards Chairman, Steve Huston; Banquet Chairmen, Frank and Elaine Strazzarino; Publicity Chairman, Gary Clement; Convention Historian, Joan Crummey; Chief Judge, Charles Colver; Program Coordinator, Dave Lange; Hotel Liaison, O.L. Wallis; Convention Committee Advisors Mark Clark and Paul Holtzman; John and Kay Lenker, Consultants.*

Dr. Paul Holtzman spoke at the October meeting on *Numismatics of the Galapagos*. Oetober was also the date of the *PCNS Auction*.

Bill Henry was deelared the winner of the *Papers Contest* at the *Annual Banquet*.

BOY SCOUT TROOP#263 VISIT LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

As part of the elubs eelebration of *Youth Night, Troop #263* from *Half Moon Bay* (14 seouts and 6 adults) attended the October meeting for an *Introduction to Coin Collecting*. *Ed Fulwider* presented a program and distributed numismatic gifts and newspapers to all youth attending.

Vice President, Dave Lange, entertained the group with a slide presentation on *Colonial Coins*. He earned the gratitude of the entire elub by eleaning and organizing the elub library.

CONGRATULATIONS, GENE FEIRSTEIN, NAPA VALLEY NUMISMATIC CLUB'S NEWEST LIFE MEMBER

Gene was honored beeause of his work as editor of the *Napa Valley Numismatics Notes*, among other things he has done to assist the club.

NVCC meets at the *American Legion Hall*, 1240 Pearl St., on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30.

RON MILLER FEATURED SPEAKER AT DELTA COIN CLUB

Ron, who speeializes in *U.S. Silver Dollars*, spoke at the September 12th meeting. His talk ineluded all U.S. dollars not just the Morgan and Peace types.

Syd Kass, reports that *DCC* is winding up their *"Go for the Gold Contest"* with *Howard Wesely* in the lead. In an effort to encourage the attendance of junior members, a speeial drawing is held for them when there are 10 juniors attending the monthly meeting.

PRESIDENT RON MILLER THANKS MEMBERS OF THE FREMONT COIN CLUB

Beeause of the efforts of all the members, *Fremont Coin Club* staged a very sueeessful show August 17th at the *Elks Club*. Editor *Vince La Cariere* said that several dealers told him that it was the best show they had had in years.

The *Statue of Liberty Super Raffle* brought a reeord erowd of 60 to the August 12th meeting and revenue of $800.00 to the elub's treasury. Guest speaker, *Ed Fulwider*, presented a talk and VCR tape presentation of the *First Striking of the Statue of Liberty Coins* at the San Franciseo Mint. Many old friends were reeognized in the scenes of the attending audience. Young *Chris Wilson* saved the presentation, by getting the VCR to work. It was interesting to see the "helpless" adults waiting patiently for the young eleetrieal genius to perform his mirаele, so that the show could go on.

I was impressed by the guest auctioneer, *Howard Wesely*, who eondueted the junior and senior auetions in sueh a professional and speedy manner.

Congratulations to 1987 Medal design winner, *Glen Jacobs*. *Dick Hutchison* has taken over the duties of elub librarian.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 20th has been set aside for *FCC's Christmas Party*. The dinner will be held at the *Hospitality Room* at *Anheuser-Busch Brewery*.

The club's first medal (silver round) was received and distributed at the meeting in August. Medal numbers were assigned by a drawing.

"Getting to Know Your Fellow Club Member Better" was the theme of the September meeting. Members were invited to give a brief talk about themselves.

Thanks to the generosity of *George Flanagan, Fairfield Coin Club* has an addition of many new books for their library. His contribution of several mint sets and minor coin and medals were added to the club's assets. He also included numerous coin supplies, which will be used to make up packets for the junior members.

RUTH PHILLIPS PRESENTS PART II OF PROGRAM TO FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Dale Hewlett, who offered his Part I, Saddle Blanket Program at the February meeting, was unable to present Part II, as scheduled in August. *Ruth Phillips* came to the rescue and presented the program on "rags" since Dale was out of town.

John Reynolds was featured in September with his program *"Californiana"*. He shared his two cases of postcards, 19th and 20th century tokens and other collectibles with the group.

Retired teacher, *Dale Hewlett* conducted a coin quiz in October. Members were advised to **study, study, study**, because his tests are known to be tough.

The Twenticth Annual Coin-O-Rama had a sell out bourse in September, according to Bourse Chairman, Steve Foster. More news about the show in the next edition of *Calcoin News*.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB SILVER MEDALS WERE AVAILABLE TO TO MEMBERS AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Recent themes at meetings were: *European Coins, Counterfeit Coins, Proof Coins, Copper Coins and U.S. Copper Coins.* Plans were formulated for the *7th Annual Coin Show*, which was held at the Hyatt in Palo Alto on November 9th. The membership drawing netted $10.00 for *John Browne* at the September meeting. *Joe Jurado* won a 1957 Proof set at the same meeting.

HELEN AND MAXIE BAER CRY AT CUPERTINO/SAN JOSE CLUBS PICNIC

Not tears of joy, but those resulting from being the official onion slicers were shed by *Helen and Maxie*, while performing their duties at the picnic. Others contributing to the successful afternoon were *Ron and Diane Ishizaki; Don Barsi, Al, Pearl and Jennifer Lo; Alice and Tom Kearns; Walt Mertens; Frank Nielsen and Bob Donselman.* I understand that the weather was good, the food was great and everyone is looking forward to the picnic next year.

The June 13th Meeting was an exciting one for the Youth Members, because it culminated their nine months of hard and diligent work in the *Youth Numismatic Contest*. After all the points were tallied, the winners and prizes were:

490 Points ..... *Suzanne Lo*
Proof $1 & 50c Statue of Liberty Coins

390 Points ..... *Kelly Carolan*
Proof $1 Statue of Liberty Coin

370 Points ..... *Michael Baer*
Uncirculated $1 Statue of Liberty

350 Points ..... *Tommy Carolan*
Uncirculated 50¢ Statue of Liberty

Certificate and packet of coins were awarded to:

260 Points ..... *Chris Scott*
260 Points ..... *Nathan Miller*
220 Points ..... *Jennifer Johnson*
215 Points ..... *Bryan Lo*
210 Points ..... *Chris Fischer*

Other contestants were: *Ronda Johnson, Michael Lowe, Amy Wilson, Michelle Starr, Kevin Starr, Jennifer Lo, Jenny Fischer, Jeremy Friedenthanal and Chris Archer.* Congratulations were offered to all, for their hard work.

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2428 Ted N. Weissbueh
1457 Clay Read

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

3356 Antonio A. Brunotto
4504 Steve Meinster

CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

41-1 Mark A. Grasso

Membership on 1 August 1986	1168
New Members (1 August through 31 October 1986)	17
Deceased	2
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Convert to Life Membership	1
Membership Total	1181
Total Life Members	152

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Congratulations too, to *Al Lo*, who edged out *Frank Nielsen's* 1987 obverse design by two votes. *Michael Baer's* design took third place. *Al Lo's* design was chosen for the reverse design, with *Ron Ishizaki* in second place. Designs were also submitted by *Suzanne Lo and Michael Baer.*

Gary Acquistapace gathered all the club's history for the years 1981-1986 and assembled it into an album. *Katherine Ray and Gerry Solomon* had updated the book for prior years in the past.

Recent speakers at CCC have been *Phil Solomon* speaking on *Mexican Coinage; Don Barsi* who spoke on collecting one ounce silver medals or "silver rounds" and *Gary Acquistapace* on South American Numismatics.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB FINDS NEW HOME

Members voted to make *Orchard Community Center*, 1945 Piner Rd., Santa Rosa, their permanent location. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Ron Miller was the guest speaker in July. His talk *California Merchant Tokens or Trade Tokens or Good for Tokens* was very well received by the members.

Joe Pia gave a short paper money quiz at the August meeting, and *Jess Parker* spoke at the October meeting on Tokens.

There was a postal table at the November Show and the post office had a special cancellation just for the show. *George Farnsworth* donated 6 silver dollars for the raffle.

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During the past six months, I have asked for feed back on our new *"Speakers Bureau Listing"*. Since I have received no feed back, I can only assume there is no interest in it, so it has been discontinued.

In Memoriam

RUEBEN LEE "Lucky" WILLIAMS of Fairfield, California, departed this life recently at the hands of an assailant. He was well known in numismatic circles of Northern California, belonged to several clubs, was the immediate past president of the Vallejo Numismatic Society. He was a dealer and a collector of silver rounds. He carried CSNA Membership #4769. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Historian Named

Freddie Grant has been appointed CSNA Historian by President O.L. Wallis, effective immediately. She will continue in the same vein of assembling history items of CSNA as did her predecessor, Bryan Burke. Old copies of *CALCOIN NEWS* and information of past conventions are available by contacting Freddie at P.O. Box 295, Patton, California 92369.

Freddie is currently employed in Civilian Personnel at Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino. She and husband Bill recently spent three years on overseas duty in Spain.

As the wife of the Bourse Coordinator, you will always see her near the bourse room. When you do, thank her for taking over this very important position.

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

March 21, 1987 ..... 19th Annual Symposium
Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, Educ. Director, Box 4144, Covina, 91723
Griswold's Inn, Fullerton, Riverside Fwy., #91 at Raymond Avenue

May 1-3, 1987 ..... 80th Convention & Coin Show
Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness & Geary, San Francisco
General Chairman Dave Cieniewicz, Box 2698, Redwood City, CA 94064
Exhibits: Albert & Virginia Hall, Box 499, Colton, CA 92324
Host: Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

November 6-8, 1987 ..... 81st Convention & Coin Show
Red Lion Inn, Ontario Airport, Ontario, CA.
General Chairman G. Lee Kuntz, 697 Scripps Dr., Claremont 91711
Host: Upland Coin Club

Spring, 1988 ..... 82nd Convention & Coin Show
San Jose Convention Center, Market St. and Park Avenue, San Jose
General Chairman Ken Barr, Box 32541, San Jose 95152
Host Club: San Jose Coin Club

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OTHERS

January 4, 1987 ..... 24th Annual Coin Show
San Bernardino County Coin Club
National Orange Show, Citrus Bldg., San Bernardino
Bourse: Norman Sturgess, c/o S.B.C.C.C., Box 1028, Colton, 92324
General Chairman Albert K. Hall, Box 1028, Colton 92324

January 16-18, 1987 ..... 19th Annual Coin Show
San Jose Coin Club, San Jose Convention Center, Market St. & Park Ave., San Jose
Bourse: Rod Perrelli, c/o S.J.C.C., Box 5621, San Jose 95150
Exhibits: Ed Sins, Box 5075, San Jose 95150

February 5-7, 1987 ..... 32nd Annual Convention
Numismatic Association of Southern California
Hyatt Hotel, Los Angeles Airport, corner of Century & Sepulveda
Bourse: Austin Ryer, Jr., Box 2335, Huntington Beach 92647
Exhibits: Albert & Virginia Hall, Box 1028, Colton 92324

February 21-22, 1987 ..... 17th Annual Coin Show
Cupertino Coin Club
DeAnza College Campus Center, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino
Bourse: Frank Nielsen, c/o C.C.C., Box 1189, Cupertino 95014

March 8, 1987 ..... 22nd Annual Show
Verdugo Hills Coin Club 8737 Fenwick St., Sunland, CA

April 4-5, 1987 ..... 21st Annual Coin Show
Eureka Coin Club, Redwood Acres Fairground, 3750 Harris St., Eureka
Bourse: Harry Dixon, P.O. Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501

April 9-12, 1987 ..... SINCON XVIII
SIN (Society for International Numismatics)
Hyatt Hotel, Los Angeles Airport, corner Century & Sepulveda
Gen. Chairman: Don Sullivan; Bourse: Paul Borack (213) 821-7000 business hrs. only

April 26, 1987 ..... 15th Annual Coin Show
Vallejo Numismatic Society, Dan Foley Cultural Center
Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne St., Vallejo
Information: Stan Turrini, c/o VNS, Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590

May 17, 1987 ..... 26th Coin-O-Rama
Covina Coin Club, Joselyn Center, 815 N. Barranca, Covina
General Chairmen: Chuck Ham, 812 Payson St., LaVerne 91750
Corky Ayers, 2345 S. San Antonio, Pomona 91766